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RUSSIAN ARMY SWEEPS ONWARD

Serbs Push Northward To Join Slavs

TERRIFIC CONTACTS IN FRANCE

AUSTRIAN FORCES FLEE BEFORE SERBIAN HOSTS

Tremendous Slaughter Marks Renewal of Battles Between Allies and Germans On Ground Retreating Army Holds

LONDON, September 18.—(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)—The Russians operating in Galicia are meeting with continued success and no desperate effort of the Austrians to check their advance seems possible. Yesterday, according to a Reuter's despatch from Petrograd, the invaders reoccupied Sandomierz and pushed on in pursuit of the fleeing armies of Generals Dankl and Auffenberg, the Cossacks pressing the Austrian rear and cutting off numerous stragglers.

The Serbian army, which is pushing north to join the Russians, is continuing its advance, brushing aside whatever opposition the Austrians are able to muster to oppose it.

The Serbian occupation of Semlin has been abandoned, however, according to an Athens despatch from the correspondent of the London Times. This correspondent wires that two Austrian warships stationed themselves in the Danube and shelled both Semlin and Belgrade, firing fifty shells into their own city to drive the Serbians out. The Serbians withdrew from range and later crossed the river back to Serbia.

Russians Cross San River

PETROGRAD, September 18.—(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)—The Russians yesterday stormed and captured an important position near Krzeschoff and have crossed the San River in force.

Troops Will Not 'Pot' Airships

VIENNA, September 18.—(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)—Owing to the difficulty of distinguishing friend from foe, the Austrian troops have been forbidden to fire upon any dirigibles that may be operating above them.

Emperor Franz Josef has summoned Austria's last reserves. Huge numbers of wounded soldiers are arriving here daily from the scene of battle against Russians and Serbians.

FIERCE FRAY IN FRANCE

LONDON, September 18.—(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)—An Exchange Telegraph despatch from Bordeaux last night says that the main fighting between the Germans and Allies shifted yesterday afternoon to the right, where a furious battle took place on Alsatian territory.

The French took the offensive and gained some ground. The casualties were heavy.

The armies rested on the field, ready to resume the conflict this morning. The fighting is described as violent, with repeated charges on both sides.

TREMENDOUS SLAUGHTER IN FRANCE

The battle along the line in France, which had commenced in earnest on Wednesday morning between the main armies in France, continued throughout yesterday, with tremendous slaughter on both sides but with no marked advantage to either Germans or Allies.

A Paris report of the morning operations stated that the Germans were resisting stoutly on the left, where the French were attacking between Noyons and St. Quentin. Paris claims that the enemy has been forced to give ground slightly, while reports from Berlin state that the Germans are more than holding their own.

ALLIES ASSUME OFFENSIVE STRONGLY

On the center, along the Aisne Valley, the Germans are strengthening their defenses, making no effort to advance. The Allies are attacking here in strength.

The latest reports from the Allies' right is that they are assuming the offensive strongly and making material advance in Alsace. THREE MILLION ON FIGHTING LINE

According to reports, three million men are now on the firing line with two armies, stretched along a front of one hundred and fifty miles.

Heavy rains, which have been falling for many hours, have rendered fields and roads in many cases almost impassable, greatly hampering the movements of cavalry forces. In a number of instances the artillery, particularly the heavy guns, have been stalled in the deep mire and could not be brought into commanding positions.

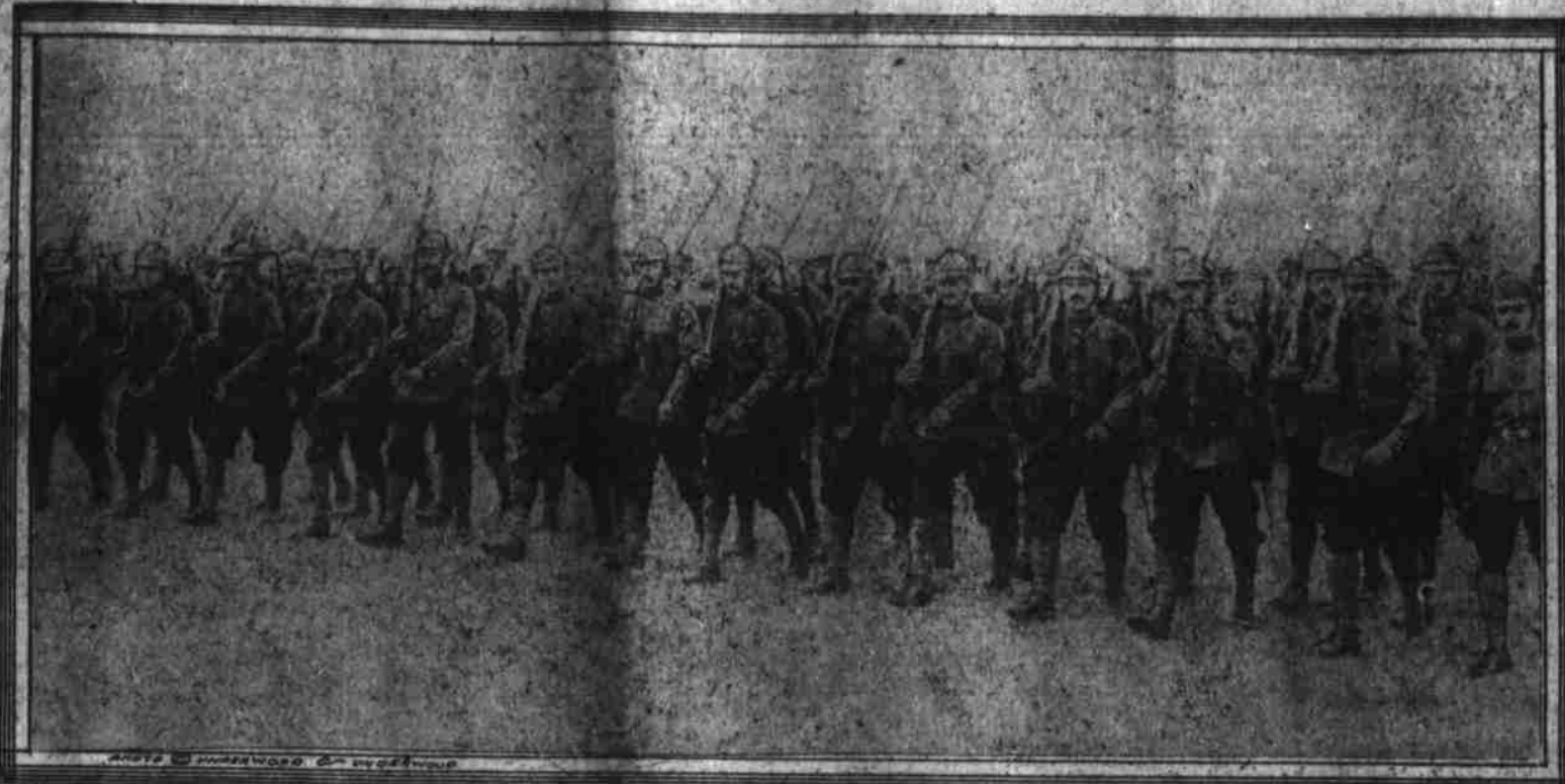
GERMANS ARE PREPARING FOR THE WORST

A Reuter's despatch from Maestricht, Holland, states that the

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AUSTRIANS WANT PEACE

LONDON, September 18.—(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)—A despatch from Rome to the Daily Telegraph says that Austria is dejected and ready to regard its cause against Russia and Servia as hopeless. The nation now is demanding that terms of peace be asked.



OFFICIAL DENIAL of German Defeat IS RECEIVED HERE

An official denial of the reports that the Germans are meeting with defeat in their stand against the Allies, was received here yesterday by German Consul Georg Rodick.

The denial, which was cabled to him, reads as follows:

"The German government telegraphs that all reports saying the Allies have been victorious are untrue.

"An attempt was made to break the German center of defence. The Germans victoriously repulsed the Allies." This is the first message Mr. Rodick has received from Germany relating to the war for three days.

This message came first from Berlin to New York, and was re-sent from there to Honolulu.

ROME STILL IS RESTLESS

ROME, September 17.—(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)—The uneasiness and restlessness of the Italians, both civil and military, are increasing.

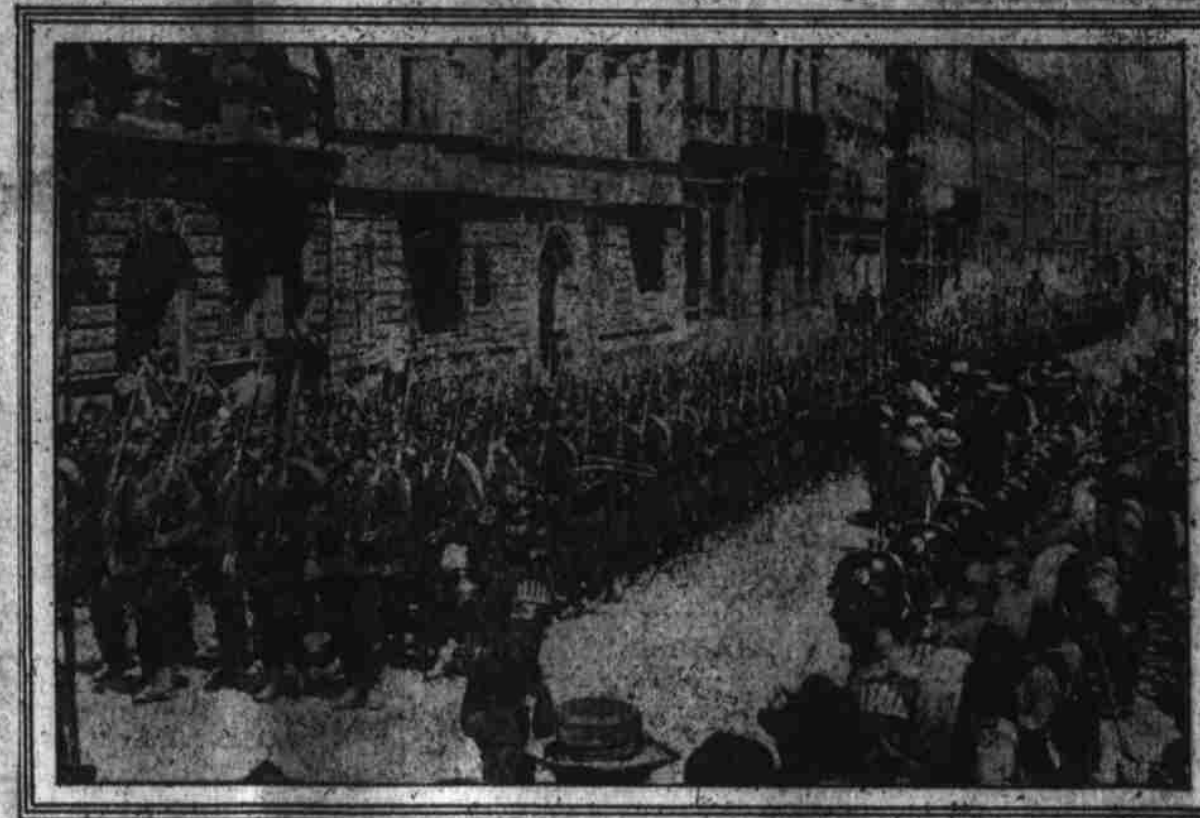
Secret mobilization of the troops is everywhere rumored.

It is now believed that popular pressure will soon make the government unable to maintain neutrality, public opinion clamoring for Italy to make some move against Austria.

The situation has been rendered more acute by intimations from Russia, coming through diplomatic channels, that if Italy hopes ever to regain the territory lost to Austria her neutrality now is not a sufficient purchase price. Russia's attitude indicates that unless Italy lines up actively with the Allies, when the map of Europe is remade Italy will not get the territory she is anxious to call her own again.

JAPAN GETS WAR PRIZE

TOKIO, September 17.—(Special Dispatch to the Nippon Jiji)—The German coal freighter which was captured by the Japanese destroyer near Kobe, early Tuesday morning, is being conveyed to Sasebo naval station where the examining board will pass on the legality of her capture. It is believed here that the German ship will be confiscated with her 2000 tons of coal consigned to Tsingtau.



French Infantry (Top) Engaged With British In Offensive Operations Against Germans. Famous Bavarian Corps of Teuton Forces Which Have Been Defeated At Luxemburg

JAPAN AND AMERICA FRIENDS

TOKIO, September 18.—(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)—At a dinner given last night by the Japan Association, which was attended by Baron Kato, the foreign minister, and George Guthrie, the American ambassador, some strong sentiments of American-Japanese friendship were expressed by the various speakers.

Viscount Kentaro Kaneko, the president of the association, in his opening address, scored those persons who are attempting to estrange the United States and Japan and break the strong ties of friendship and mutual interests that have existed.

Referring to the statements made that Japan has ulterior designs upon the Philippines, he said:

"Japan will not only not attack the Philippines, but has never had any idea of disturbing the tranquillity of the territorial waters of the Philippine group."

Other speakers suggested that an alliance between Japan and the United States should be entered into with the object of the preservation of the peace of

HON. K. KANEKO

the Pacific.

Viscount Kaneko is a privy councillor and for a time was private secretary to Count Ito. He has served his government as minister of agriculture and as minister of justice. He represented Japan at the Geneva international law conference and, during the Russo-Japanese war was unofficial representative of Japan at Washington. He is an intimate friend of Theodore Roosevelt.

Teuton Cruiser Sinks British Merchantmen

TOKIO, September 18.—(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)—A report has reached here that the German light cruiser Emden, which has been operating in the Sea of Bengal, has captured and sunk five British merchantmen off the coast of India. The passengers are said to have been saved.

TEUTON SHIPS FIGHT WITH EACH OTHER

Squadrons of Baltic Fleet Mistake One Another For Enemy, Give Battle, Do Great Damage To Craft and Kill Many Men

BLUNDER NOT KNOWN

TILL DAMAGE IS DONE

LONDON, September 18.—(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)—Reports that have been in circulation here during the past two days of a disaster which has overtaken the German Baltic Sea fleet, yesterday received confirmation from Petrograd, in the form of special despatches to the Times.

The Petrograd correspondent telegraphs that the Germans fought a serious battle with themselves, one division of the fleet mistaking another approaching division for an enemy.

The battle continued for some time before the mistake was discovered.

In the meanwhile the ships inflicted great damage on each other and many men were killed.

This news was brought to Hel-singfors by a Russian scout ship, which, attracted by the firing, had approached near enough to the engagement to learn what had taken place.

BRITISH SHIP GOES DOWN

LONDON, September 18.—(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)—The admiralty has announced that the British training ship Figsard II, formerly the battleship Erebus, foundered off Portland in a recent gale, while being towed. Twenty-one of her crew were drowned.

PRINCE SLAIN IN BATTLE

BERLIN, September 17.—Casualty lists for the German forces in the field are being published and give the total casualties to date as 35,786 killed, wounded and missing. This week's daily average is 3200, and today's is given as 4563.

Prince Otto Victor of Schoenberg, brother of the Princess of Wied, is among the dead.

Prince Joachim, the Kaiser's youngest son, is convalescing and Prince Karl, the Kaiser's brother-in-law, is said to be severely wounded by a bullet in the thigh.

According to official announcement, General Von Einem will replace General Von Hausen, aged 68, commanding the second army, Von Hausen being reported sick. Quartermaster General Von Stein replaces General Von Schubert, commanding the fourteenth reserve corps.